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AUSTRIANS CONTINUE VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE

From the Tonale Pass Region in Western Trentino to Nonfalcone Action Continues

ITALIANS ARE FORCED TO ABANDON POSITIONS

By Heavy Infantry Attacks South of Trent the Austrians Captured 141 Officers and 6,200 Men—Rome Reports the Repulse of an Austrian Attack in the Sugana Valley—Severe Artillery Duels Continue to the Northwest of Verdun—Entente Airmen Are Particularly Active Against German Positions—Around Diarbekr the Turks Have Assumed the Offensive Against the Russians—Three Americans Were on the Dutch Steamer Batavia V., Which Was Sunk by an Explosion in the North Sea.

From the Tonale Pass region in western Trentino to Nonfalcone, a short distance from the head of the Gulf of Trieste, the Austrians are vigorously on the offensive against the Italians.

In Tyrol, south of Trent, heavy infantry attacks east of the Adige river have forced the Italians again to abandon some of their advanced positions and resulted in the capture by the Austrians of an aggregate of 141 officers and 6,200 men. In addition 18 guns and 17 machine guns were captured.

Vienna says that south of Rovereto the Austrians stormed Zernatorta, but Rome asserts that five attacks launched here were put down with heavy casualties, the bodies of numerous dead Austrians floating away in the swift current of the Adige river.

A repulse of another Austrian attack in the Sugana valley is also reported by Rome. Along the remainder of the front there were heavy artillery bombardments with here and there infantry attacks. Bombing operations by aviators of both sides have taken place against opposing positions.

On the line in France and Belgium the fighting has consisted mainly of artillery duels—most severe to the

northwest of Verdun. The entente allied airmen have been particularly active against German positions and in combat in the air with German fliers. In these latter combats several German aircraft were brought down by British and French aviators. In one of the raids American aviators fighting in the French army under the title of the Franco-American flying corps took part in their first foray as an individual unit.

Fights of minor importance, with the advantage in favor of the Russians, have taken place on the northern end of the Asiatic Turkey around Diarbekr. The Turks again assumed the offensive against the Russians, but again met with a repulse.

The French are showing activity along the Lake Dolin and other sectors of the Greek frontier, having occupied Devetepo and pushed their forces eastward toward Monastir. The infantry of both sides along this front continue to make preparations for possible encounters.

Of three Americans on board the Dutch steamer Batavia V., which was sunk by an explosion in the North sea, one was drowned. One of the Americans expresses the belief that the steamer struck a mine.

HEROIC WORK OF A BOSTON FIREMAN

Climbed 80 Feet Through a Gauntlet of Flame, Smoke and Water.

Boston, May 17.—A fire which damaged a building at the corner of Broad and High streets, in the wholesale business district, early today, was accompanied by features of spectacular interest. A series of chemical explosions endangered the lives of the firemen, who fled several times to places of safety. Some of them worked under heat so intense that hose lines were turned on them and they had great difficulty in holding their footing. One ladderman climbed 80 feet on the "big stick" of the local department, mounting through a gauntlet of flame, smoke and water that obscured him from sight of those below so long at times that two other firemen were sent after him. He succeeded finally in making vents in the windows on the sixth floor without injury, through which water was thrown on the blaze.

The Wright Illustrating and Engraving company, the Dodge-Haley company, dealers in iron and steel, and the Wireless Specialty Apparatus company suffered the principal damage, which was estimated at \$50,000.

RESTRICTIONS TO PREVENT EXTERMINATION OF SEALS

This Was One of the Most Successful Seasons on Record.

St. John's, N. F., May 17.—As a direct result of one of the most successful seal hunting seasons on record, the Newfoundland legislature has enacted restrictions designed to prevent the extermination of the animals in the waters about the island. Under the new law large steel steamers such as have been used extensively during the last few years are prohibited from engaging in sealing.

Most of these vessels were sold to the Russian admiralty last year for use as ice-breakers, but one, the Florio, participated in this season's hunt. The Florio took 14,000 seals, the largest number ever secured by a single ship, and yielding a profit of \$130,000. The new restrictions will make it impossible to use a vessel capable of carrying more than 25,000 seals.

The total catch for this season was 245,000 seals, valued at \$450,000.

THREE-MASTED SCHOONER ON MASSACHUSETTS BEACH.

Lucia Porter, St. John, N. B., for New York, is Breaking Up.

Swampscott, Mass., May 17.—The three-masted schooner Lucia Porter, bound from St. John, N. B., for New York with lumber, was wrecked off Blaney's beach today. A gale blowing from the east was responsible for the schooner's mishap and endangered the lives of her crew.

Sept. George Bumble of Brookton, skipper of the vessel, and five men were taken off by the life guards of the Nahant station. They went out to the wreck in their surfboat after a heavy tussle with the gale and landed the crew safely.

The schooner ran aground 60 yards from shore. She began to break up shortly afterward, part of her stern being torn away, and her deck log being strewn over the water. Wreckers said there was a slight chance to save her.

\$3,000,000 SUIT AGAINST METROPOLITAN STREET RAILWAY

Brought by Thomas Fortune Ryan, Tractor Magnate.

New York, May 17.—Thomas Fortune Ryan, tractor magnate, was served today in a \$3,000,000 suit against the Metropolitan Street Railway company, brought by Benjamin Oppenheim, a lawyer, disbarred several years ago at the instance of the railway company, but since reinstated. Oppenheim charges that the railway directors raised a "slush fund" to procure his disbarment, which he had great difficulty in holding their footing. One ladderman climbed 80 feet on the "big stick" of the local department, mounting through a gauntlet of flame, smoke and water that obscured him from sight of those below so long at times that two other firemen were sent after him. He succeeded finally in making vents in the windows on the sixth floor without injury, through which water was thrown on the blaze.

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MOTION TO RECONSIDER ACTION ON GEORGE RUBLEE

There Was No Discussion and Vote Was Deferred Until Tuesday.

Washington, May 17.—Senator Hollis moved in executive session of the senate today to reconsider the action on the nomination of George Rublee as a member of the federal trade commission was rejected on Monday. By agreement with Senator Gallinger, leader of the opposition to Rublee, there was no discussion of the motion and a vote was deferred until Tuesday.

Administration leaders hope the senate will reverse its action and the vote was postponed so that absentees might return to Washington. Rublee's friends also hope to have over several senators since the rejection vote. Senator Hollis, who voted for confirmation, changed his vote later to be in a position to move reconsideration.

ROOSEVELT'S NAME GREETED WITH JEERS AND HISSES

At Republican State Convention at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 17.—The republican state convention, convened today to ratify the action of electors at the recent state-wide primary to select delegates to the Chicago national convention, was thrown into disorder when Robert Healey of Webster county advocated the selection of Roosevelt for president as opposed to Senator Albert B. Cummins, who had been endorsed by the Iowa republican voters.

Healey declared this was a time for the party to choose the strongest man available and characterized Roosevelt as the "greatest man in the world." The name of Roosevelt's name was received with jeers and hisses and Healey was forced to retire.

Movements of Steamships.

Kirkwall, May 14.—Arrived: Steamer Stockholm, New York for Gottenburg.

Montreal, May 17.—Arrived: Steamer Scandinavia, Liverpool.

New York, May 17.—Sailed: Steamer Kronland, Liverpool.

Cabled Paragraphs

President Juan Domingos, San Domingo, May 17.—The chamber of deputies today elected Federico Henriquez Carvajal provisional president of the republic. It is expected that the senate will confirm the appointment. The city is quiet.

Austrian University Reopened. Berlin, May 17.—(By Wireless to Sayville)—After being closed for two years on account of the Russian invasion the Austrian university at Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina, has been reopened, notwithstanding the fact that the fighting front is only a short distance from the city.

EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF SIBLEY'S PUNITIVE EXPEDITION

Is Indicated at Department Headquarters in San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., May 17.—An early withdrawal of the punitive expedition led by Col. Frederick W. Sibley, south of Bouquillas, was indicated at department headquarters today. The rescue of Jesse Duernert, the stonemason, and Monroe Payne, the negro cook, who were carried across the border by bandits when they raided Glenn Springs and Bouquillas two days ago was reported today by Colonel Sibley, who received his information from Major Langhorne, who was endeavoring to overtake the bandits that eluded him at El Pino. Officers here regarded it as probable that a successful encounter with the bandits would bring the expedition to an end and not at all probable the failure to overtake them would also be followed by a recall. It was explained that the four troops of cavalry and the machine gun company operating under Col. Sibley was inadequate for extended operations.

Deemer and Payne had been left at El Pino by the retreating bandits with instructions to the residents that they would be killed if an attempt at rescue was made.

The villagers refused to obey instructions, professing their friendliness to the Americans when they entered the town yesterday morning.

AUTHORS' AFFILIATION WITH A. F. OF L.

Will Be Discussed at a Council to Be Held in New York Today.

New York, May 17.—The Authors' League of America, of which Winston Churchill is president and Theodore Roosevelt vice president, is considering the advisability of affiliating with the American Federation of Labor, it was announced here today. A council will be held tomorrow at which Hugh Frayne, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor, will discuss with the league's council the details incidental to submitting the proposition to a vote of the full membership, which comprises virtually all the authors in the country.

Members of the league who already have approved the plan, according to Eric Schuyler, the secretary, are Rex Beach, George Barr McCutcheon, George Barr Baker, Samuel Hopkins Adams, Walter Prichard Eaton, Leroy Scott, Jesse Lynch Williams, Ellis Parker Butler, Mary Wilkins Freeman and Thompson Buchanan. It was said that Mr. Buchanan conceived the idea and that the American Federation of Labor welcomed it with enthusiasm.

"We feel," said Secretary Schuyler, "that with the help of the 2,500,000 members of the American Federation of Labor, our efforts to improve conditions in the literary world will obtain a more respectful hearing."

PROHIBITION CONVENTION OPENS IN HARTFORD

Dr. G. W. Simonson of Seymour Chosen Temporary Chairman.

Hartford, Conn., May 17.—The prohibition state convention opened in this city today and preliminary organization was effected by the selection of Dr. G. W. Simonson of Seymour as temporary chairman. Various committee were appointed. Tomorrow, fourteen delegates and their alternates to the national convention at St. Paul will be named.

The principal address at the evening session was by ex-Governor Ebenezer Foss of Massachusetts. Mr. Foss, who recently embraced the principles of the prohibition party, said that both the republican and democratic parties are "devoted of anything worth while" and that the prohibition party has the brightest future ahead of it of any political party.

While Mr. Foss favored prohibition nationally, he said he did not think state prohibition was a success and declined to endorse it.

Much of the address was taken up in extolling the principles of the prohibition party.

COURAGE OF SCHOOL TEACHERS IN RHEIMS

Continue Their Duties in Underground Class Rooms.

Paris, May 17, 5:01 p. m.—The courage of the school teachers who remain in the town of Rheims, which is constantly under bombardments by the Germans, and especially of those who are continuing their duties in underground class rooms in the immense champagne cellars, has been brought to the attention of the government by a civil citation which has just been issued. The citation says: "They have given proof of the greatest devotion in assuring the educational service in this city, which is incessantly bombarded, thus affording to all a fine example of civic courage. They are sheltering from the danger of the streets more than 13,000 children and offering them the possibility of continuing their studies."

PROTEST AGAINST TREATMENT OF ITALIAN PRISONERS

Semi-Official Communication Issued at Rome.

Paris, May 17, 4:55 p. m.—The Haas Agency's Rome correspondent sends a semi-official communication issued at Rome, which protests against the treatment of Italian prisoners. The communication gives the text of an order by Colonel General Seckosar, commander of the Austrian forces on the Isonzo front, which was found on a captured Austrian officer. The order says: "Troops on the southern front should make as few prisoners as possible. No one should shake hands with Italian officers."

British Monitor Sunk by Turks

STRUCK BY ENEMY'S ARTILLERY AND TOOK FIRE

TWO MEN WERE KILLED

London, May 17, 7:56 p. m.—A British official communication issued this evening admits the loss of a small monitor as a result of the fire of Turkish batteries in a Turkish official statement Tuesday the monitor was reported as having been set on fire and sunk. The British Admiralty

Delayed Telegram by British Admiralty States That on the Night of May 13-14 the Small Monitor M-30 Was Destroyed by Turkish Batteries While Entering Harbor of Kesten.

Norwich Merchants' Week

May 13th to 20th, inclusive

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Mammoth Street Carnival Every Day

Two Free Shows Daily

denied the statement, but says later advice confirm the Turkish report. The British statement says:

"A delayed telegram, received from Vice Admiral De Robeck states that on the night of May 13-14 one of our small monitors, the M-30, commanded by Lieutenant Commander E. L. B. Lockyer, was struck by the enemy's artillery and, taking fire, was subsequently destroyed. Two men were killed and two wounded."

"This information appeared in the Turkish communication yesterday and was officially denied, as other messages had been received from the vice admiral two days after the occurrence. As a result of further inquiry it was found that a message reporting the loss had miscarried."

The Turkish communication of Tuesday said:

"An enemy monitor which attempted to enter a harbor northwest of Kesten was destroyed by our artillery, burst into flames and foundered. Several explosions were heard."

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS IN HARMONIOUS CONVENTION.

Delegates Pledged to Vote for Renomination of President Wilson.

Lansing, Mich., May 17.—Michigan democrats, at a harmonious state convention here today, endorsed the administration of President Wilson and pledged to vote for the renomination of the president.

The convention was marked by a few demonstrations, one of which was an ovation tendered Governor Woodbridge N. Ferris when he was formally proclaimed the delegates. During the forenoon Governor Ferris surprised many of his supporters by issuing a statement that he would not be a candidate for a third term. After the demonstration he received this afternoon, delegates declared they felt confident he would head the ticket against this fall.

136 VENEZUELAN EXAMINED; ONLY FOUR ACCEPTED

In Trial of Will H. Orpet, Charged With Murdering Sweetheart.

Waukegan, Ill., May 17.—One hundred and thirty-six venezuelans were examined today in the trial of Will H. Orpet, charged with poisoning his sweetheart, Marion Lambert, and the close of the third day just four men occupied the box as tentative jurors.

Orpet sat beside his father and mother with the latter holding his hand, and he followed with interest the questioning of the prospective jurors.

Counsel for the defense announced that Orpet would take the stand in his new defense.

NO ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING IN CHIHUAHUA CITY

Announcement by United States Consul Marion Letcher.

El Paso, Texas, May 17.—A number of Americans, among them Consul Marion Letcher, arrived here this afternoon from Chihuahua City.

Mr. Letcher said all was quiet in Chihuahua City and there was no expression of anti-American feeling there.

Wires Tapped For the Police

DURING DEAL IN AMMUNITION FOR ENTENTE ALLIES

EVIDENCE IN TRIAL

New York, May 17.—The telephone wires of Seymour & Seymour, a local law firm, were tapped at the instance of the police at a time when the firm was engaged in a deal in ammunition for the entente allies, the Thompson investigation committee was told today through testimony given by John

Disclosure Made at Hearing of Thompson Investigating Committee in New York Yesterday—John S. Seymour Tells of Espionage During Making of a Contract.

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THE SENATE YESTERDAY CONFIRMED THE NOMINATION OF EUGENE E. REED OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AS MEMBER OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

An order for 2,000 gondola cars and 1,000 flat cars was received by the American Car & Foundry Co. from the Italian State Railways.

STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. AT A SPECIAL MEETING, AUTHORIZED AN INCREASE OF CAPITALIZATION FROM \$1,000,000 TO \$4,000,000.

Freight cars to cost \$2,000,000 have been ordered by the Inter-Colonial Railway of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co. and the Eastern Car Co.

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Condensed Telegrams

Maxican export duties on silver have again been advanced.

China has completed arrangements for a \$5,000,000 loan with the International Banking Corporation.

Exports of merchandise from the port of New York for the week ended May 12 amounted to \$46,925,450.

Gov. Whitman signed the new inheritance tax bill, by which it is proposed to raise \$2,000,000 annually.

Joint exercises by all government departments will be held on the White House grounds May 24, June 14.

J. P. Morgan & Company deposited an additional \$2,000,000 gold in bars at the Assay office at New York.

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Senate Agrees On Army Bill

CONFERENCE REPORT OF REORGANIZATION BILL ACCEPTED

WITHOUT A ROLL CALL

Calls for a Regular Army of 211,000

Men Peace Strength, 260,000 War Strength, and Federalized National Guard of 457,000—Senator Brandegee Disgusted.

Washington, May 17.—The senate, after an all-day debate, agreed tonight to the conference report on the army reorganization bill without a roll call. The house is expected to approve the report and pass the bill and send the first of the big national defense measures to the president.

Provisions of Bill.

The bill provides for a regular army of 211,000, officers and men, at peace strength, and approximately 260,000 at war strength, and for a federalized national guard of 457,000, officers and men, at maximum strength.

Great Britain Denounced.

Discussion of the conference report embraced a denunciation of Great Britain for execution of the Irish revolutionists, attacks upon the administration's Mexican policy, renewed assaults upon the national guard as a political force and various criticisms of the provision for a government institute manufacturing plant.

Could March on Mexico City.

Senator Fall asserted that General Pershing, with the 14,000 troops at his command, could march on Mexico City, taking every town with very little trouble if he were unhampered by the provisions of the bill.

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OLD FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN IRELAND A FAILURE

Premier Asquith Convinced a New System is Necessary.

Dublin, May 17, 11:45 p. m.—Premier Asquith has reached the conclusion from impressions gathered during his Irish visit that the old form of government in Ireland has had its day. The "Associates Press" learns from sources in the closest touch with the premier that Mr. Asquith's conversations and conferences have convinced him that the future government must be conducted on an entirely different system. The prime minister has taken care to make it clear to a select group of many persons other than those then purely official and the persons have heard greatly varied suggestions. None of these, it is believed, will be adopted in its entirety, but it is thought they might be welded together to form a new proposal before the cabinet. The premier himself does not know what form his proposal will eventually take, and, in fact, it will be developed only at the cabinet meeting. His Belfast visit gave a good hint to the premier that the Ulsterians would not accept a direct proposal to suppress the Home Rule. It is believed that they might be induced to enter into a concerted plan which could possibly be arranged to meet their objections.

Mr. Asquith will visit Cork tomorrow to get further opinions. He has not, however, arranged to see the politicians. Mr. Asquith's visit will confer the arts of the literary and educational classes.

WALL STREET EMPLOYEES TO CO-OPERATE WITH POLICE

In the Financial District in Time of Emergency.

New York, May 17.—A reserve force of citizens employed in Wall street is to be formed to co-operate with the police in the financial district in time of emergency, according to an announcement tonight. A meeting will be held Friday at which Police Commissioner Arthur Woods will outline the plan of the Home Defense league, recently organized for a similar purpose.

The reserves to be recruited in the financial district, it was said, will have the co-operation of the mayor's committee on the national defense, of which Cornelius Vanderbilt is chairman. Many men prominent in the financial world already have become interested in the movement, among them being Otto T. Bannard, A. Barton Hepburn, Frank A. Vanderbilt, Jacob H. Schiff and Darwin P. Kingsley.

MEXICAN ARRANGEMENTS FOR BORDER PROTECTION

17,000 Troops to Be Distributed to All Important Points.

Torreon, Mex., May 17.—Before leaving for Chihuahua, where he will take supreme command of the forces operating against the bandits in Chihuahua and Coahuila, General Jacinto Trevino said today: "I am going to Chihuahua with ten thousand fresh men, making, with the 7,000 now on the frontier, a total of 17,000 troops. These will be distributed to all important points both inland and on the frontier to prevent further raids into the states and to finish up Villa bandits quickly."

"I am arranging special motor truck service to the isolated garrisons in order to supply provisions."

A railroad strike for higher wages has been averted by an appeal to the men's patriotism during the present delicate international situation.

OREGON DENIES DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

Refutes Reports in Circulation in the United States.

Mexico City, May 17.—General Alvaro Obregon, minister of war, today denied reports in circulation in the United States that he had expressed confidence that President Wilson did not contemplate war with Mexico.

"Please deny the report that I had made a public declaration of confidence that President Wilson does not contemplate war with Mexico," said General Obregon. "I have made no declaration, public or private, regarding international relations since leaving El Paso."

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